Board has prepared an action plan for replacement of old pipelines and such pipelines arc being replaced in a phased manner. This is a continuing process.

Discrimination among the residents of Delhi and Chandigarh

2263. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLAN KI: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India has a policy for free-hold conversion in the name of power of attorney holders on payment of extra money and production of 'D' form in lieu of the lease hold plots allotted to members of co-operative house building societies in the union territories of Chandigarh and Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that whereas such applicants in Delhi arc being allowed freehold conversion, the power of attorney holders of such plots in Chandigarh are not being entertained for freehold conversion even on production of form 'D' as well as payment of extra charges fixed; and

(c) if so, the reasons for discrimination among the residents of Delhi and Chandigarh?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Chandigarh Administration has reported that on the basis of a clarification from DDA, it has now been decided to allow conversion of lease-hold property directly in favour of holder of General Power of Atorney and necessary instructions in this regard have been issued by Chandigarh Administration on 12.6.98.

Census Report on Housing and Amenities

2264. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the 1991 Census Report on housing and amenities shows that only about 16 per cent of all households in India have access to basic civic facilities like electricity, safe drinking water and toilets; and

(b) if so, what is the latest position. State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) As per the Census of India-1991, 42.37% of the population has access to electricity; 62.30% had access to safe drinking water; and 23.70% had access to toilets. However, as per the Census Report, only 16.07% of the population had access to all the three facilities.

(b) As per information received from the State Governments, 85% of the urban population has access to safe drinking water and approximately 50% of the urban population has access to sanitation facility. State-wise details are given in the Annexure. [See Appendix 184, Annexure No. 67-'A']

The detailed household census is carried out once in 10 years and exact information will be available only after the next census.

Basic Pay of the Drivers of DDA

2265. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the basic pay of the Drivers of DDA, who have joined in July, 1996 and fixed some of Rs. 700/- less than that of the Drivers who have joined in December, 1995;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and by when this anomaly will be removed; and

(c) steps taken to give justice to sufferers?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) to (c) DDA has reported that the pay of drivers appointed in December, 1995 has been